



Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Intercity Passenger Rail – Amtrak (IPR) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the purpose of the FY 2010 IPR program?

The purpose of the FY 2010 IPR program is to create a sustainable, risk-based effort to protect critical surface transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism, major disasters and other emergencies within the Amtrak rail system.

2. How much funding is available under the FY 2010 IPR program?

The total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2010 IPR program will be \$20,000,000.

3. Who is eligible to apply for FY 2010 IPR funds?

The National Passenger Railroad Corporation (Amtrak) is the only entity eligible to apply for funding under the FY 2010 IPR program.

4. What are the priorities for the FY 2010 IPR program?

The funding priorities include the following project types for the FY 2010 IPR program:

- Protection of high-risk/high-consequence underwater and underground rail assets
- Planning
- Targeted counter-terrorism training for key frontline employees
- Use of visible, unpredictable deterrence
- Emergency preparedness drills and exercises
- Public awareness and preparedness campaigns
- Protection of other high-risk/high-consequence assets and systems that have been identified through system wide risk assessments
- Security projects in line with or addressing one or more of the 22 areas outlined in Sec. 1513 of the *Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007* (Public Law 110-53) (the 9/11 Act)

5. How will the FY 2010 IPR funds be allocated?

Amtrak is the only eligible grantee under the FY 2010 IPR program.

6. What are the key milestones associated with the FY 2010 IPR program?

The key milestones associated with IPR are:

- December 8, 2009: IPR Grant Guidance and Application Kit released
- February 12, 2010: Applications due to DHS-FEMA

7. What legislation authorized funding for the FY 2010 IPR program?

The *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010* (Public Law 111-83) provided funding for this program.

8. Where is the FY 2010 IPR Guidance and Application Kit located?

The FY 2010 IPR Guidance and Application Kit is located online at <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on www.grants.gov.

9. How will the FY 2010 IPR applications be submitted?

Completed applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. EST, February 12, 2010. Eligible applicants must apply for funding through the Grants.gov portal, accessible on the Internet at <http://www.grants.gov>. Applicants in need of Grants.gov support should contact the Grants.gov customer support hotline at (800) 518-4726. If applicants have any questions regarding the application process, they should contact the FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Call Center at (866) 927-5646.

10. What other resources are available to address programmatic, technical and financial questions?

- For additional program-specific information, please contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or askcsid@dhs.gov. CSID hours of operation are from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday.
- For financial-related questions, including pre-and post-award administration and technical assistance, applicants may contact the FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to ASK-GMD@dhs.gov.

11. What is the FY 2010 IPR period of performance?

The period of performance of this grant is 36 months.